

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend Claim 1. The changes are shown with ~~strikethrough~~ for deleted matter and underlining for added matter. A complete listing of the claims is set out below with proper claim identifiers.

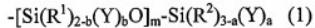
1. (Currently Amended) A curable composition comprising :

a vinyl polymer (I) having at least one crosslinkable silyl group on average, and an ester compound (II) having an α,β - or α,γ -diol structure in the molecule selected from the group consisting of a glycerol monocarboxylic acid ester, a polyglycerol carboxylic acid ester, a pentaerythritol monocarboxylic acid ester, a pentaerythritol dicarboxylic acid ester, a sorbitan monocarboxylic acid ester, and a sorbitan dicarboxylic acid ester,

wherein the vinyl polymer (I) has a molecular ~~weigh~~weight distribution of less than 1.8.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) The curable composition according to claim 1, wherein the crosslinkable silyl group is represented by the general formula (1):



wherein R¹ and R², the same or different, represent an alkyl group having 1 to 20 carbons, an aryl group having 6 to 20 carbons, an aralkyl group having 7 to 20 carbons, or a triorganosiloxy group represented by (R')₃SiO-, wherein R' represents a monovalent hydrocarbon group having 1 to 20 carbons, and the a plurality of R's may be the same or different; when two or more R¹'s or R²'s are present, the R¹'s or R²'s may be the same or different; Y is a hydroxyl group or a hydrolyzable group; when two or more Ys are present, the Ys may be the same or different; a represents 0, 1, 2, or 3; b represents 0, 1, or 2; and m represents an integer from 0 to 19; provided that a + mb ≥ 1.

4. (Previously Presented) The curable composition according to claim 1, comprising a vinyl polymer (I) which has a main chain produced by polymerizing a monomer selected from the group consisting of a (meth)acrylic monomer, an acrylonitrile monomer, an aromatic vinyl monomer, a fluorine-containing vinyl monomer and a silicon-containing vinyl monomer as a main component.

5. (Original) The curable composition according to claim 4, comprising a vinyl polymer (I) having a (meth)acrylic polymer as a main chain.

6. (Original) The curable composition according to claim 5, comprising a vinyl polymer (I) having an acrylic polymer as a main chain.

7. (Original) The curable composition according to claim 6, comprising a vinyl polymer (I) having an acrylic ester polymer as a main chain.

8. (Previously Presented) The curable composition according to claim 1, wherein the vinyl polymer (I) has a main chain produced by living radical polymerization.

9. (Original) The curable composition according to claim 8, wherein the vinyl polymer (I) has a main chain produced by atom transfer radical polymerization.

10. (Original) The curable composition according to claim 9, comprising a vinyl polymer (I) which has, as a catalyst, a metal complex selected from the group consisting of a copper complex, a nickel complex, a ruthenium complex, or an iron complex.

11. (Previously Presented) The curable composition according to claim 1, wherein the crosslinkable silyl group of the vinyl polymer (I) is at the molecular chain terminal.

12. (Previously Presented) The curable composition according to claim 1, further comprising a polyether polymer having at least one crosslinkable functional group on average.

13. (Original) The curable composition according to claim 12, wherein the polyether polymer has a main chain which is essentially polyoxyalkylene.

14. (Original) The curable composition according to claim 13, wherein the polyether polymer has a main chain which is essentially polypropylene oxide.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously Presented) A cured article prepared from the curable composition according to Claim 1.